



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Hollister Police Conduct Sex Offender Compliance Checks

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *March 26, 2010* – Hollister Police Department detectives, assisted by San Benito County Probation officers, conducted compliance checks of the registered sex offenders. The purpose of these checks was to confirm that registered sex offenders living within the City Of Hollister have provided current and correct information as required by law.

Officers visited to a total of 53 homes. Officers learned that 31 sex offenders were found to be in full compliance with their sex registration requirements. Five offenders had moved from the their addresses listed in police department records without notifying police of the change. Sixteen other offenders were not home at the time of the compliance check. One offender is presently in the county jail.

A criminal investigation of the five persons found to be out of compliance with sex offender registration laws has been initiated. One of those has been arrested and booked at the San Benito County Jail for failing to comply with registration requirements. Additional visits are planned for the 16 who were not home and whose addresses were not verified.

Detectives had knowledge of one sex registrant who had provided a false address. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of 40-year-old Joel Caballero Rodriguez. Rodriguez is a Hispanic male adult, approximately 5'5", 150 pounds with black hair and black eyes.

It is the intent of the Hollister Police Department to provide for our community's safety by maintaining accurate records of the locations of registered sex offenders living in Hollister, while the same time working within the parameters of the law so as not to infringe upon their individual rights.

The Hollister Police Department would also like to remind parents and families that any efforts by the police are not substitutes for due parental vigilance and education in the safety of their children and families.

The Hollister Police Department welcomes information regarding Joel Rodriguez or information on any crime. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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